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GADHADA PRATHAM PRAKRAN 48

Types of unholy Companions:

On the thirteenth day of the first fortnight of the month of Maagh of Samvnt 1876 Swami Shri Sahajanandji Maharaj was sitting in the evening on a cot on a raised platform under the margosa tree, facing west in the Darbaar of Shri Dada Khaachar at Gadhada. He was in white dress. Munis and the Bhaktas from the various places were assembled before Him. Two torches were kept erected burning before him. The aarti and chanting at Lord Vaasudev Narayan temple was getting over.

Then addressing the assembly, Shriji Maharaj said, 'Now listen to me attentively. I desire to talk to you.' then all the members in the assembly said, 'Please Maharaj, let us hear you.' Then Shriji Maharaj said, 'It is our order that all our devotees will get an image of God on Paper. You worship that idol. Your worship to that image shall confirm to the scriptures. In Shrimad Bhagwat, the idols of God have been classified in eight categories, therefore the image in the form of a picture is quite confirming to that.

Therefore, the devotee should, early in the morning and after complete bath, should offer worship to Lord Shri Narnarayan. After worship, should offer Pradakshina and Sashtsang Pranam. Thereafter, pray that 'Oh Maharaj! Protect and keep us away from the company of demonic people.' These companies of demonic or evil people are of four types namely: Kuda Panthi, Shakti Panthi, Shushka Vedanti and Nastik. If caught in the company of Kuda Panthi, they will force to break the vow of celibacy. Shakti Panthi will force to take meat and wine and thus will deflect from the Dharm⁶. If, however, the Shushka Vedanti⁴ laid their hands upon, they will impose their tenet that God is formless, His divine abode and His incarnations are all myth. The will of Bhakti⁷ and Upasana will have no place in the life of them. The influence of the Nastik will deny the authority of God and scriptures and shall take only Karma as the Path of Emancipation. Therefore, demand that from God to keep us away from the company of those four. Again pray that 'Oh God, please protect me from the Influence of passion, anger, covetousness, infatuation, ego, envy and attachment to anybody. Keep me always in the sacred contact of your devotees.'

And all you devotees do not think in your mind that how a drawing on the paper can protect you from the company of evils? Do not nurse such feelings, as I am a Satpurush and following my instructions if you would offer worship to Lord Narnarayan, I had excellent rapport with Lord Narnarayan so I shall tell Him with a request that Oh Lord! Please reside permanently in those who by following five great vows offer worship to your idol given by me to them. Therefore, be sure that by the ties of love I will make Lord Narnarayan absolutely firm, and absolute sure with full faith that idol is Lord Narnarayan Himself. And keeping in view this reality, do not leave this idol un-worshipped in any of the circumstances. Offer worship in the morning after your bath and then begin your works for the day. So long as you remain within the five great vows and offer regular worship to idol of Lord Narnarayan, till then Lord Narnarayan Himself will reside continuously in that idol. These are my orders and follow it firmly. Thus said Shriji Maharaj and devotees accepted the same with the respect.

Thus Ends Vachanamrut : Gadhada – 48



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In this particular **Vachnamrut G.P.P. 48**, Maharaj is saying, please listen attentively. “It is our order that all our devotees will get an image of God on Paper. You worship that idol. Your worship to that image shall confirm to the scriptures. In Shrimad Bhagwat, the idols of God have been classified in eight categories, therefore the image in the form of a picture is quite confirming to that.

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1.	Kuda Panthi	They will force to break the vow of celibacy.	This cult was prevalent in some parts of Gujarat and Saurashtra which morally justified adultery. The women who assembled in the congregation were asked to dip their garment in an earthen pot (kunda). Anyone who picked up the garment from the pot enjoyed the woman to whom the cloth belonged, even if she was his mother, sister or wife. Such conjugal relations were considered sacred and given of ultimate salvation.
2.	Shakti Panthi	Will force to take meat and wine and thus will deflect from their dharma.	A cult wherein people worship the goddess called Shakti and believes that meat and wine offered to this goddess are sacred foods which will bring emancipation to man.
3.	Shushka Vedanti	They will impose their tenet that God is formless, His divine abode and His incarnations are all myth. The will of bhakti and upasana will have no place in the life of them.	The followers of Advait Vedanta not realising the significance of Advait philosophy commits excess by professing, 'I am Brahm' and therefore have no moral obligation. They thus indulge in antinomianism.
4.	Nastik	Will deny the authority of God and scriptures and shall take only Karma as the Path of emancipation.	One who believes only in Karmas and does not recognise God as the giver of the fruits of Karmas.



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- 2. ...Oh God, please protect me from the Influence of passion, anger, covetousness, infatuation, ego, envy and attachment to anybody.**
- 3. Keep me always in the sacred contact of your devotees.**

Maharaj carried on further by saying, “and all you devotees do not think in your mind that how a drawing on the paper can protect you from the company of evil.

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